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In re application of:

Koichiro SUGAI, et al.

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For: FUEL CELL CASING, FUEL CELL
AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

Art Unit: 1795

Examiner: Cynthia K. Lee

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the interview conducted on March 5, 2008 and Interview Summary dated March 14, 2008, please consider the following remarks:

Statement of the Substance of the Interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

Interview Summary:

On March 5, 2008, Patent Agent, Terry Tsai, conducted a phone interview with Examiner Cynthia Lee. During the interview, the Examiner agreed that the amended claim 1 reciting “an internal circuit including at least one of the resistor, conductor, or inductor element is formed in the base body” may overcome the Bronoel but for the “conductor” element.

The substantive issues discussed in the interview are incorporated in the Preliminary Amendment dated April 1, 2008. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite “an internal circuit including at least one of the resistor, capacitor, or inductor element is formed in the base body” and is thus allowable over Bronoel. The Preliminary Amendment also includes citation in Applicant’s specification supporting the claim amendments.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: April 14, 2008

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